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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2

TAGS: AMGT

SUBJECT: SANTIAGO TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

REFERENCE: STATE 301800 AND SANTIAGO 00955

1. THE DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT AMBASSADOR POPPER WAS ACT-
ING ENTIRELY WITHIN HIS AUTHORITY IN ISSUING HIS SEPTEMBER
7 MEMORANDUM INSTRUCTING EMBASSY EMPLOYEES TO REFRAIN FROM
PUBLISHING OR ASSISTING IN THE PUBLICATION OF A TELEPHONE
DIRECTORY OF USG OFFICIALS IN CHILE. THERE IS NO REASON
TO WITHDRAW THE MEMORANDUM.

2. ALTHOUGH AFSA WASHINGTON HAS SHOWN US A MEMORANDUM
FROM MATTHIAS TO WORTZEL ON THE SUBJECT: "GRIEVANCE:
RESTRAINT ON RIGHT TO PUBLISH LOCAL TELEPHONE GUIDE," THEY
HAVE NEITHER FORMALLY PRESENTED US WITH THE MEMORANDUM
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NOR TAKEN ANY OTHER STEPS TO INITIATE A GRIEVANCE. QUITE
THE CONTRARY, THEY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT MATTHIAS' MEMORANDUM
AS PRESENTLY DRAWN HAS PROCEDURAL DEFECTS WHICH WOULD HAVE
TO BE CORRECTED BY MATTHIAS BEFORE IT COULD BE PRESENTED
FORMALLY AS A GRIEVANCE. WITH PUBLICATION OF THE DIREC-
TORY, WHICH AFSA WASHINGTON CONSIDERS THE ONLY, REPEAT
ONLY RELEVANT QUESTION, AFSA WASHINGTON WOULD ADVISE AFSA

SANTIAGO THAT ALL OTHER ISSUES, INCLUDING THE AMBASSADOR'S MEMORANDUM IN QUESTION HAD BECOME IRRELEVANT.

3. THEREFORE, AS FAR AS THE DEPARTMENT (AND AFSA WASHINGTON) IS CONCERNED, THERE IS NO PENDING GRIEVANCE NOR ANY OTHER IMPEDIMENT TO A RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM ON THE BASIS OF THE PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF A CLASSIFIED DIRECTORY IN REASONABLE NUMBERS.

4. SINCE THIS ISSUE IS NOT ONE SUBJECT TO FORMAL CONSULTATIONS UNDER E. O. 11636, WE ASSUME THAT IT CAN BE RESOLVED WITHOUT ANY FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH AFSA SANTIAGO BY PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF AN LOU DIRECTORY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU DO NOT SEE THE QUESTION OF NUMBERS AS A BARRIER AT THIS POINT TO RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM.

5. PLEASE INFORM US AS SOON AS THE DIRECTORY HAS BEEN PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED.
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